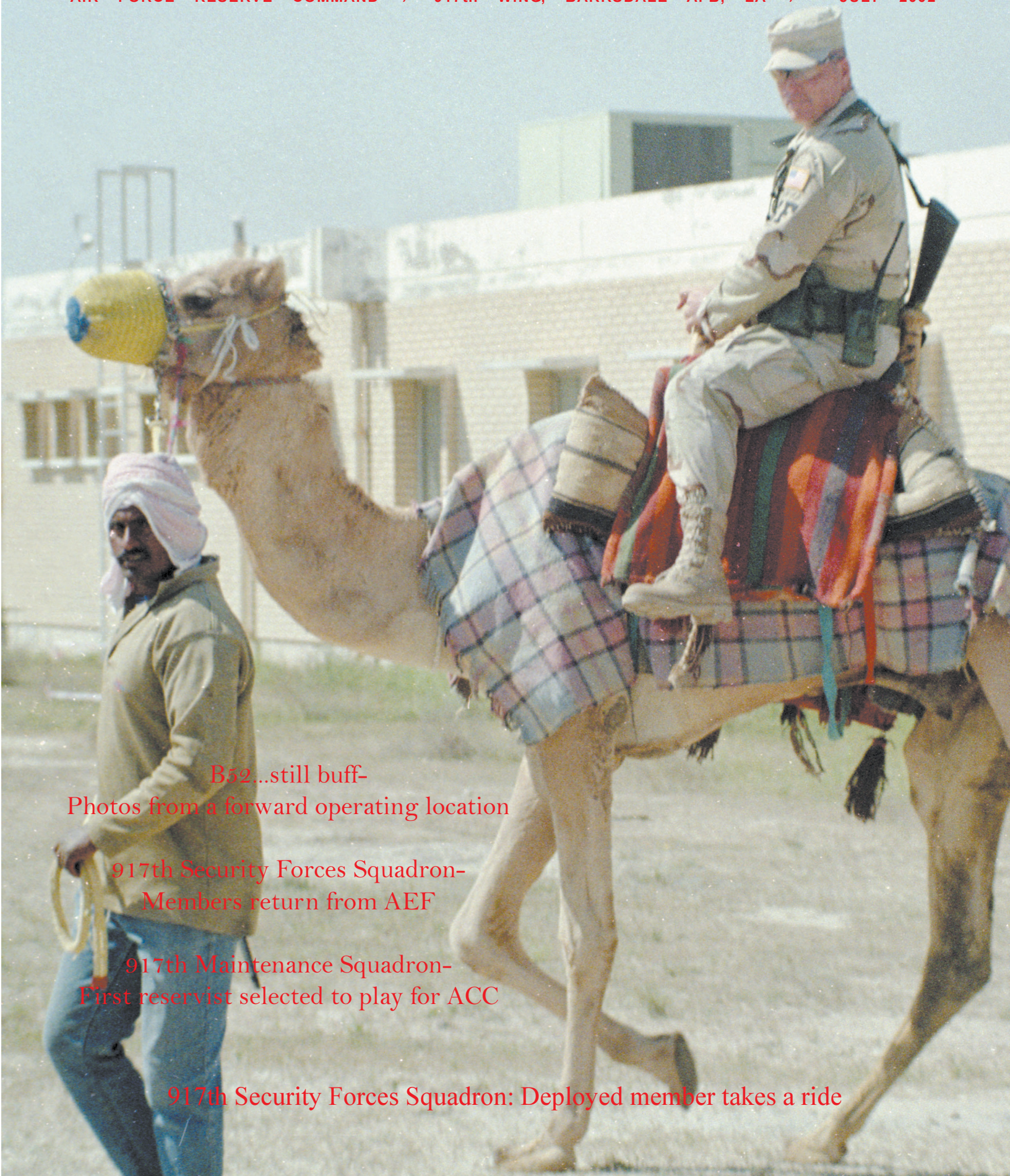


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## Celebrate the Fourth

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**Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle**  
Commander  
917th Wing

"It's a time for family, friends, and the red, white and blue."

In July, Americans all over the world celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Although that announcement occurred 226 years ago, the declaration is a living document that still serves notice that our nation holds dear the belief that all men are created equal and endowed with the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Fourth of July will have a special meaning this year as we are in the middle of a war on terrorism. Over 350 members of our Wing are mobilized and actively participating in this fight.

It's a time for family, friends, and the red, white and blue. As we celebrate though, pause to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in the name of freedom. And, let's not forget the many men and women serving around the world who will not be spending this holiday with their families.

I hope you have a safe holiday, and I look forward to seeing you at the unit training assembly. Thank you and your family for your many sacrifices that enable you to faithfully serve our nation.

### For your thoughts...

"Never again will we field an aircraft that does just one thing. We live in a multi-tasking world, we have multi-task missions around the world, and we need a multi-tasked set of capabilities."

— Dr. James G. Roche, secretary of the Air Force

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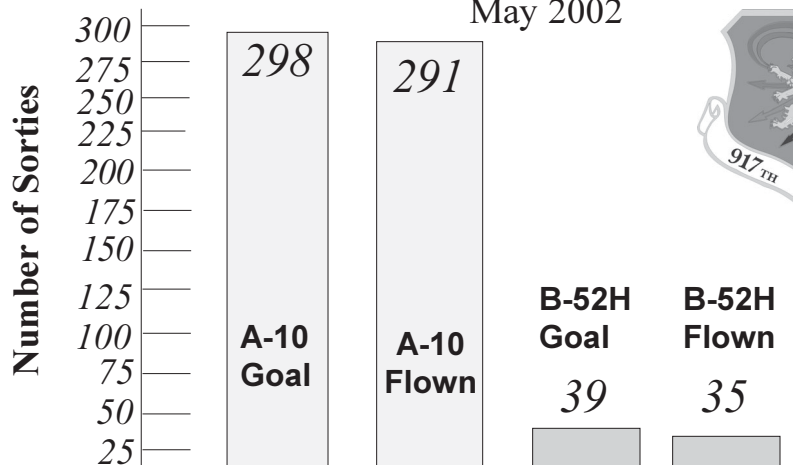
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**July 4**  
**Independence Day**

### 917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard

May 2002



**A-10 Mission Capable Rate 86.4%**

**B-52H Mission Capable Rate 79%**

**AFRC Goal 75%**

**AFRC Goal 65%**

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**Front Cover Photo: Tech. Sgt. Mark, 917th Security Forces Squadron, takes time out to ride a camel while recently deployed to Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. (Courtesy photo)**  
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# SFS heeds the call of duty

Squadron deploys in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

**Story by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant**  
**Wing Public Affairs**

The report came in over the radio. An unauthorized vehicle had gained access onto the inner perimeter of the base. The pursuit began, with reports of the vehicle's location constantly changing. It was nowhere to be found.

"It was a 'ghost' vehicle," said Tech. Sgt. Brad, 917th Security Forces Squadron. "I went on an hour-and-a-half pursuit, looking for a fictitious vehicle." A ghost vehicle is one that is sighted and reported, but never physically located.

It was not a vehicle at all, just Kuwaitis hunting for dub dubs, a lizard they use as a food source. Their hunting was mistaken as a violent attack of enemy forces.

Since being activated in late October of last year, the 917 SFS has been tasked both at home and abroad, in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Their most recent deployments were to Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait, and to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Northern and Southern Watch.

Their mission in Kuwait...to serve as a buffer between two Air Expeditionary Force rotations. "We were on what is called an overlap," said Staff Sgt. John, 917 SFS. "Thirteen of us went there (for approximately 100 days) to train personnel rotating in for the next AEF cycle."

While in Kuwait, the 917 SFS provided security at entry control points and for convoys carrying munitions. They also



COURTESY PHOTO

**Tech. Sgt. Mark, 917th Security Forces Squadron, helps lower the flag located in front of the headquarters building in Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait.**

patrolled the base (both inner and outer perimeters) and worked at the Joint Security Operations Center (jointly with Kuwaiti security).

"We got up around 5 a.m., and went to guard mount," said Senior Airman Michael, 917 SFS. "We usually worked 12-hour shifts. At times, we worked five days on and one off; other times, four days on and two off."

The work routine was sometimes interrupted by moments of laughter, like the day an airman ran in to inform the others the West Bank had been robbed by the Israelis.

"I was walking into the chow hall and saw the report on television," said Airman 1st Class Gerrod, 917 SFS. "All I saw on the screen were Israeli tanks parked in front of a building."

Senior Airman Chad, 917 SFS, advises anyone who is traveling on military airlift to include a toothbrush and a change of clothes in a carry-on bag after he and his luggage were detached for the first two days of the deployment.

"I went without clean clothes for two days," Chad said. "I did make it to the Base Exchange to buy a toothbrush during that time."

There were similar moments in Turkey, where



COURTESY PHOTO

**Tech. Sgt. Walter, 917 SFS, poses in front of a hummer while deployed to Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait from February to May.**

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## In the news.....

### DEERS/ID Card System goes down

The 917th Mission Support Squadron Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System and Identification Card System will be out of service for any type of transaction from July 15-19.

This downtime is necessary to install new equipment that will facilitate the issuance of the Common Access Card, and to train customer service personnel on the new equipment and procedures. Once normal operation is resumed on July 22, only active-duty and reserve personnel will be issued the new ID card.

Please check the expiration dates on all cards in your household. If one expires during that week, contact Customer Service no later than July 14 to have the card renewed. Ensure that all information in DEERS is correct if there are any changes since your last update. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this period of upgrade.

Contact Tech. Sgt. Lenka Isaac at 456-9205 if you have any questions.

### Policy Briefing to be held July UTA

Any new supervisor responsible for writing Officer or Enlisted Performance Reports who has not received the mandatory Air Force Homosexual Policy Briefing should attend the next session. The briefing is scheduled for July 14 in Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227 at 2:30 p.m.

Commanders, who have not received the briefing this year, may also attend this session. For more information, contact Maj. Marshal Bennett at 456-8144.

### Break a sweat and lose a pound

Come out, have fun and get in shape all at the same time! Aerobics classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, July 14, at the Barksdale Sports and Fitness Center in the aerobics room. Sessions are scheduled from 11-11:30 a.m., and from noon-12:30 p.m., with class size limited to 15 persons per session. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Marilyn Alston at 456-7284.

### Top Three host induction ceremony

Barksdale AFB Top Three is hosting the second Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony on Friday, July 19, at 6 p.m., in Hoban Hall. The ceremony is for all master sergeants who were promoted between August 1, 2001, and July 1, 2002. The dinner is buffet style. Cost of tickets is \$17. Uniform will be mess dress or semi-formal for military members and appropriate civilian attire for non-military guests.

Get your tickets now! For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather at 456-9859, Master Sgt. Tamara Stephens at 456-1003, or Master Sgt. Mary Castro at 456-9806.

### Things that may cause a delay in pay

You may be experiencing a delay in your military pay because: (1) There is white out on your orders, which is not allowed. You may line through an error, or make a change and initial it; (2) Blocks 38 and 42 are incomplete; (3) Block 42 does not match Blocks 14 and 15; and or (4) Signatures are missing.

When a member is released earlier than Block 15 states, simply indicate the new release date and time in Block 42. No amendment is required. If released after Block 15, or if the member begins work before Block 14, an amendment is needed. Block 38 should contain your actual travel time and date. You may go to the Web site <http://www.dfas.mil/emss>, or call 1-800-390-2348 to check the status of your pay.

Travel vouchers should be submitted to Base Travel located in Bldg. 5345, third floor. For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Military Pay at 456-9711/7034.

### 2 SVS hosts bass fishing tourney

The 2nd Services Squadron Fitness and Outdoor Recreation Departments are hosting a bass fishing tournament on Saturday, July 26, at Clark's Marina located on Red River. Beginning at daybreak, and lasting until noon, active military, Department Of Defense employees, and their dependents 18 and over will try to reel in the "big one" for the big prize money.

Registration begins July 1 with the deadline for entry being July 22. Cost is \$20 per person. Prize money will be paid to the top three fishermen, with additional prizes given based on the amount of entries received. A "big bass pot" will be available for those wishing to enter. For more information, contact Jim Dich at 456-1866 or Frank Stinson at 456-3426.

### No physicals required during July UTA

The 917th Medical Squadron will not be conducting physicals on the July unit training assembly due to annual tour requirements. All who are required to take a physical during the month of July will be rescheduled during the August UTA. Members are encouraged to complete the questionnaire on-line prior to reporting for a physical. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Lynea White at 456-1365.

### ROA looks for new members

Join the Reserve Officers Association today, and take advantage of an association that protects the rights and benefits of military officers and their families. Whether you're reserve, active-duty or retired, the ROA serves you while you serve your country.

The local Chapter 9 of the ROA is looking for assistance from all officers assigned to the 917th Wing. All are eligible for membership. Individual ROA members interested in serving as a local chapter officer are needed immediately. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Dale Jones at 456-9007, or by e-mail, at [william.jones12@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:william.jones12@barksdale.af.mil). For more information about the ROA, go to the Web site <http://www.roa.org>.

### O Club needs your help

If you have a knack for planning parties and decorating, the Officers Club is looking for you to volunteer as event coordinator for various theme parties. The games, decorations, prizes and expenses are covered by the club. Other volunteers and club staff will assist you. You must be a member or the spouse of a member to be considered. If interested, call Kyle Hamoka at 456-4926.

## Reservists join 917th Wing

Seven new reservists joined the 917th Wing. They will attend the newcomers' briefing and then join their respective squadrons.

### 47th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Patrick Stewart, Bossier City, La.

### 917th Medical Squadron

Master Sgt. Sherry Loy, Barksdale AFB, La.  
Senior Airman Charles Armstrong, Bastrop, La.

### 917th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman John Ennis, Haughton, La.

### 917th Logistics Support Squadron

Capt. Malcolm Pipes, Dallas, Texas

### 93rd Bomb Squadron

Senior Airman Brent Russell, Shreveport, La.

### 307th RED HORSE Squadron

Senior Airman Alan Whiteman, Shreveport, La.

## Wing Blood Drive seeks donors



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN SUSAN THOMAS, 917TH WING PLANS

**Craig Martin, Life Share donor technician, adjusts the needle in the arm of Tech. Sgt. David Owens, 917th Logistics Support Squadron training assistant, during his blood donation to the Life Share Blood Center Wing Blood Drive held in June.**

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

**Staff Sgt. Phil Finigan, 917 LSS maintenance analyst, chooses which flavor of Gatorade to purchase at the Case Lot Sale held in the Wing headquarters parking lot in June.**



### NCO of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Bianca Sellers-  
Brown

### 917th Maintenance Squadron

## Scholarship Foundation says 'Thank You'

Members of the Chief Cheryl T. Denson Memorial Foundation would like to express their sincere gratitude to Chapter 615 of the Air Force Sergeant's Association for their generous donation of \$500 to the Denson Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship will be awarded to an eligible applicant during Wing Commander's Call in September. Applications are available in the Wing Education and Training Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152.



Maj. Rob, a 93 BS B-52 crew member, counts pins he pulled from bombs loaded on a B-52 loader for a combat mission over Afghanistan.



Lt. Col. Mike, 93rd Bomb Squadron B-52 aircrew member, and Master Sgt. Tony, 93 BS electrical environmental specialist, work on a B-52 engine generator while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## ***B-52s ...still buff***

(Photo story by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)

Left: Master Sgt. Tony, 93 BS electrical environmental specialist, removes an engine generator from a B-52. Right: Maj. Paul "Charcoal" and Eric "Jackal", 93 BS B-52 crew members, fold a flag they plan to fly over Afghanistan during a combat mission for a VFW Post.





r Sgt. Roland, 93 BS Life Support technician, test an oxygen mask for



Senior Airman Lynette, 93 BS guidance and control journeyman, inspects an RPM guage before installing it on a B-52 deployed to a forward operating area. Bottom: Maj. John, 93 BS electronic warfare officer, assists in loading equipment on a B-52 before a combat mission over Afghanistan.



# Volunteer wins award

**By Tech. Sgt. Terrell Eikner**  
**93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron Unit Public Affairs Representative**

Temperatures soar to an alarming 1500 degrees Fahrenheit inside the house as it fills with smoke. He rushes in to search and rescue anyone left inside. All that can be seen from the outside is flames as they multiply. Seconds later, the fireman emerges.

This is only one of many training scenarios Tech. Sgt. Bob, a 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron member, receives monthly as a volunteer firefighter at the South Bossier Fire Station, District Two.

Bob, a B-52 aircraft pneudraulic technician, received the American Legion's 2002 award for Volunteer Fireman of the Year for South Bossier on June 18, at American Legion Post 388, located in Elm Grove, La.

"Bob is a prime example of the team spirit that lives within all members of the department," said Ron Schindall, fire chief.

"He is willing to do virtually anything, and steps in as much as possible to help others," said Tommy Hayes, station captain.

The American Legion Award is the first award Bob has won since becoming a volunteer firefighter in 1992. "It was a good feeling to win this award," Bob said. "I appreciated just being nominated for it."

"Bob is a go-getter," said Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Holliday, 93 BS aircraft systems supervisor. "Bob's character, personal attitude and work habits can be summed up with one of the Air Force's Core Values--Service Before Self. He always puts the other guy's needs before his, he volunteers before being asked, and he stays aware of what goes on around him."

Bob continues to volunteer as a firefighter even though he is currently activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. "Bob rarely misses a training session with us, even if he has to work around his job in the military to receive the training," said Hayes.

A volunteer firefighter for the past 10 years, Bob says he likes

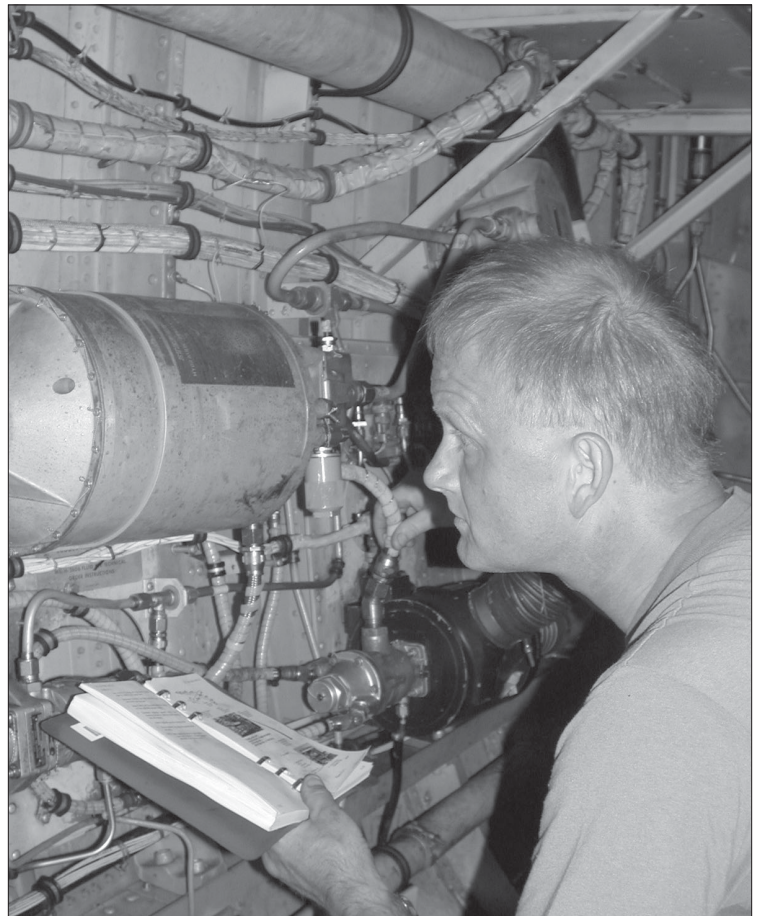


PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. TERRELL EIKNER

**Tech. Sgt. Bob, 93 BS aircraft pneudraulic systems mechanic, inspects the number two stability augmentation system reservoir for servability.**

the feeling of satisfaction he gets after he saves someone's property from being destroyed.

"Firefighting is rewarding to me," said Bob. "I'm not a hero. It's not a glory thing. I just want to help people when I can."

## Wing members 'paint their heart out'



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

**Master Sgt. Rex Gillham, 917th Maintenance Squadron electronic warfare systems technician, paints the "hard-to-reach places" during this year's Paint Your Heart Out in June.**

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an additional thirteen security forces personnel were deployed on a 90-day AEF rotation.

"It was the last night we were there," said Senior Airman Mike, 917 SFS. "Me and a few of the guys sat up talking until late. The next morning, they assumed I was out and about saying goodbye to everyone."

"I wasn't," Mike said. "I awoke to a master sergeant pushing me, saying 'Wake up. Everybody is leaving.' I thought he was kidding when I heard people talking in the tent. He explained to me those were the new people rotating in."

I grabbed as much of my stuff as I

could and went running to catch up with the others," Mike said.

Whether those deployed with him tried to wake him up earlier is a matter of opinion, Mike said.

For now, members of the 917 SFS say they wait to hear where they will go next.

"The agenda is totally different now," said Michael. "Being activated now versus when I served during Desert Storm is more heartfelt because of September 11. People are more supportive."

"Being able to watch aircraft take off loaded and return empty was the best part of the deployment for me," said Tech. Sgt. Mark, 917 SFS. "You know, right then, that you have a purpose and a reason for being wherever you may be sent."

# Wing member selected to play for ACC

*Wendt becomes first reservist to play on golf team*

**Story by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs**

After what he described as his best golf year ever, Staff Sgt. Joshua Wendt, 917<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, became the first Air Force reservist to be selected to play in the Air Combat Command Golf Team's 2002 Challenge Cup on May 4-18 at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Wendt first gained an interest in the game of golf only seven years ago after hitting balls with his brother. "My younger brother got a set of clubs for Christmas and coaxed me into hitting balls with him," Wendt said. "He could not believe how well I was hitting the ball. I got very interested in the game and have been hooked ever since."

Wendt, an aerospace ground equipment mechanic, first heard about the ACC tournament from Larry Busch, Barksdale Golf Course manager. "He e-mailed me the information on the tournament and suggested I apply," Wendt said.

Wendt was selected to participate in the tournament after submitting a resume, detailing his play over the last year. Players must have a three or less handicap score in order to apply.

"I am extremely proud of Staff Sgt. Wendt," said Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917<sup>th</sup> Wing commander. "He represented the 917<sup>th</sup> Wing and Air Force Reserve Command extremely well."

"I was proud to represent the Air Force Reserve," said Wendt. I could not have done it without the support of Gen. Ihle, Chief Skaggs and Chief Payne. They made the necessary arrangements, allowing me to go and fulfill a dream."

"Josh has closed a gap between the active and reserve Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. Larry Payne, 917MXS first sergeant. "He has not only made his squadron and Wing proud, but the entire Air Force Reserve as well."

The Challenge Cup Match, established in 1979, is an annual golf competition between the Air Combat Command and the Royal Air Force; its purpose—to promote camaraderie and good will through sports. The tournament is played in a Ryder Cup format, with each match counting for one point. Wendt scored four of the 21 and one-half points needed by ACC to secure the cup.

"The tournament was the greatest Air Force experience I've ever had," said Wendt. "Winning the cup pales in comparison to the great friendships I made with my fellow ACC team members



ROYAL AIR FORCE COURTESY PHOTO

**Staff Sgt. Joshua Wendt, 917 MXS aerospace ground equipment mechanic, chips a ball out of a bunker during the Challenge Cup Match, a yearly competition between Air Combat Command and the Royal Air Force held at Langley Air Force Base, Va.**

and the entire RAF team. I walked away with fourteen best friends who live a world away."

The game of golf continues for Wendt, who will defend his Men's Golf Association Championship and Barksdale Golf Course Club Championship titles later this year.

## In Memoriam...



**J.G. "Griff" Hamilton**

The 917<sup>th</sup> Wing mourns the loss of Senior Master Sgt. J.G. "Griff" Hamilton, 917<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron liquid fuels superintendent, who was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 27.

Hamilton served with the 917 LSS since 1987. Prior to that, he served four years active-duty Air Force from 1964-68.

"He was a good friend," said Senior Master Sgt. Steve Lindberg, 917 LSS. "He loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest."

"Griff certainly earned a place in all

our hearts during the past 15 years as a member of the Wing family," said Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917<sup>th</sup> Wing commander. "As our fuels superintendent, he was a superior performer and phenomenal role model. As a person, there was no finer gentleman than Griff. Our country is a better place due to his dedication and service."

Hamilton is survived by his wife, Gayle, daughter, Lisa, son, John Jr., two sisters and four grandchildren.

## Voices: Do you think the base requirements for operating a motorcycle are too stringent?



**Maj. Steve Powell**  
917th Mission Support Squadron

"No. Motorcycles are very dangerous. Extreme caution should be taken when operating one."



**Airman Amber Leone**  
917th Logistics Support Squadron

"No I don't. You can never be too careful when operating a motorcycle."



**Capt. Malcolm Pipes**  
917th Logistics Support Squadron

"Motorcycles are unsafe. If you have a wreck on one, the safety equipment you wear is not going to help you."



**Airman Joe Gix, Jr.**  
917th Mission Support Squadron

"Yes. It is too much to wear, and you can't go that fast anyway."

## 101 Days of Summer: Practice motorcycle safety

**By Maj. Frank Stepongzi**  
**Wing Safety**

Summer has finally arrived. It's time to "fire-up" the grill, spend time at the park, and participate in various outdoor activities. One popular form of outdoor recreation is on-road motorcycle riding.

Before you "crank-up" your bike for the season or, in some cases, go motorcycle riding for the first time, there are some things you need to be aware of.

### Motorcycle Qualification

Prior to riding your motorcycle on the highway, many states, including Louisiana, require you to pass a motorcycle-driving test and have a motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license. Some states require you to complete a motorcycle safety course before you can get an endorsement.

The Air Force requires you to complete a motorcycle safety course free-of-charge prior to registering the motorcycle on base. Contact the 2nd Bomb Wing Safety Office at 456-5612 to sign up for the course.

### Motorcycle Safety

Okay, you have your license, but are you ready to ride? Short answer, no. Take time to fully inspect your motorcycle. If you're like me, the motorcycle was parked in the garage all winter and it's been a few months since you last rode it.

Here are a few things to do before your first ride of the year:

- Check the battery water level.
- Check your tire pressure.
- Inspect your tires for excessive wear.
- Check the tension on your drive chain or drive belt.
- Change your oil.
- Check your transmission fluid level.
- Check your headlights and turn signals.
- Check your brake light and tail light.
- Inspect the general condition of the motorcycle.

There may be other things you need to inspect as well. Consult your owner's manual or contact the motorcycle dealership.

### Air Force Requirements

As previously mentioned, the Air Force requires every motorcycle operator to complete a motorcycle safety course prior to registering a motorcycle on base. Additionally, in accordance with AFI 91-207, all personnel operating a motorcycle on an Air Force installation, and all active-duty personnel (including reservists on manday status, on IDT or activated) operating a motorcycle off base must adhere to the following directives:

- Only operators may ride mopeds; no passengers are allowed.

-Headlights must be on unless prohibited by the Status of Forces Agreement or local laws.

-Motorcycle must have rear-view mirrors.

-Operator and passenger must wear a protective helmet. (Helmet must meet Department Of Transportation Standards).

-Operator and passenger must wear goggles or a full-face shield on their helmets.

These items are not required if the motorcycle is equipped with a windshield that extends to, at or above the top of the helmet of the rider.

-Riders will wear a brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer upper garment during the day and reflective gear at night.

-Long-sleeved shirts or jackets, full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens and long trousers are required attire when riding.

-Sturdy footwear like leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

Motorcycle riding is a lot of fun. Riding does have its many hazards though. But with proper training, use of personal protective equipment, and some common sense, riders will travel the streets and highways in a safe manner.

One final note, alcohol and motorcycles do not mix. Don't drink and drive.

# 917th Wing Training Schedule

July 13-14, 2002

Time	Event	Location
<b>Saturday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Family practice
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800 & 1300	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800 & 1300	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0930 & 1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1100-1200	Praise Team Rehearsal	MPF Auditorium
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1300	Unit Safety Rep Meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300-1500	Supervisor's Safety Training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400	MSS Commander's Call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550--CES, MSS, WG 1600-LG	1610--MXS

<b>Sunday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1300	LDP graduation	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1430	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1430	Homosexual Policy Briefing	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1515	47FS Commander's Call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1550-1615	1550-1615 Sign-out 1550--CES, MSS, WG 1600-LG	1610--MXS

## Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

### Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Joe Menna  
Master Sgt. Don Copeland  
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson  
1-800-241-4071

### Monroe, La.

318-323-1898

### Texarkana, Texas

Staff Sgt. Matt Lucas  
903-223-7030

### Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed  
318-683-0331

### Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land  
501-987-7188

### Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

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If you are interested in becoming a recruiter, call Chief Master Sgt. Larry Woods, 917th Wing Recruiting at 318-456-9751.

# SERVICES

## **Military Personnel Flight**

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205  
**Saturday**

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

### **Sunday**

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)  
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

### **Monday - Friday**

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All service

### **Friday before the UTA**

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. All service

**NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.**

## **Base Billeting**

**Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092**

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

## **Chaplain**

**Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179**

Friday - Sunday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain DeVaul 208-8362

Chaplain Willis 208-8360

## **Red River Dining Hall**

**Bldg. 4631**

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1 47FS - 11:45

WG - 11 MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - noon SFS - 12:15

**NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.**

## **Family Readiness**

**Bldg. 4713**

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

## **Military drivers license**

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

## **Lodging**

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

## **Military Pay**

Main UTA Schedule

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Gov. Credit Card Service**

**Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546**

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main UTA - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Saturday only)

## **Military clothing issue**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

# 47 FS goes 'hawg' wild about wild hog



## HAWG Facts

**Size:** three to five feet in length; two to three feet in height

**Weight:** 110 to 330 pounds

**Description:** pig-like animal, black or brown in color, with coarse but sparse hair covering body; its face long, with fleshy warts and protruding tusks

**Life Span:** over 18 years

**Habitat:** usually found in savanna and lightly forested areas in Central and South Africa

**Diet:** grasses, roots, berries, bark and occasionally carrion

Top: Lt. Col. Edmund Walker, 47th Fighter Squadron commander, and Chris Kinsey, local businessman and big game hunter, pose with the "hawg" donated by Kinsey. Kinsey acquired the warthog while on safari in Botswana, Africa in 1987. Right: Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917th Wing commander, briefs Col. John Odom, military assistant to the judge advocate, Headquarters, Air Combat Command, Langley, Va., and Kinsey about the B-52's capabilities. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



## UTA Schedule

### Main

July 13-14  
Aug. 3-4  
Sept. 7-8  
Oct. 5-6  
Nov. 2-3  
Dec. 7-8  
Jan. 4-5, 2003  
Feb. 1-2  
March 1-2  
April 5-6  
May 3-4

### Alternate

July 20-21  
Aug. 17-18  
Sept. 21-22  
Oct. 19-20  
Nov. 16-17  
No alternate  
Jan. 11-12, 2003  
Feb. 8-9  
March 15-16  
April 12-13  
May 17-18

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